



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 21, 2005

### **S. 1312** **Reducing Conflicts of Interests in the** **Representation of Indian Tribes Act of 2005**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on June 29, 2005*

S. 1312 would amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistant Act which currently provides an exemption from federal conflict-of-interest laws for former employees when they are acting on behalf an Indian tribe, as long as proper notification is provided to the agency. S. 1312 would limit the exemption to former federal employees who work for tribes pursuant to self-government contracts or compacts that they formerly performed for the federal government.

CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would have no significant cost and would not affect direct spending or revenues. S. 1312 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 1312 would impose a private-sector mandate, as defined in UMRA, but CBO estimates that the direct cost of the mandate would be minimal and fall well below the annual threshold established by UMRA (\$123 million in 2005, adjusted annually for inflation).

S. 1312 would impose a private-sector mandate because some former federal employees would be prohibited from working on certain matters regarding Indian tribes. Former federal employees may continue to be employed by Indian tribes to perform services related to self-governance contracts or compacts. According to information from government sources, the number of persons affected by this prohibition is small, and the direct cost of complying with the mandate would be minimal.

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